

A Note from Pastor Ken:

The other day I was leading the Wednesday morning Bible Study on Revelation, and Toni MacHaffie asked if I knew of any helpful websites for studying the Bible. So I've decided to start compiling a list of websites my colleagues and I find helpful. These are websites we use that have information we consider reliable and trustworthy. This is not an exhaustive list, and I would invite all of you to email me with religious websites you use and find helpful. We'll put a link on our website, update it, and it will be there for everyone to use.

I've divided up the sites into Biblical studies; Worship and Spiritual formation; Practical Theology; Interesting blogs/personal websites, and Presbyterian sites:

Biblical Studies:

www.ntgateway.com The New Testament Gateway is published out of Duke and offers a wide ranging amount of information and articles all relating to the New Testament. I use this site often and find the information well updated and extremely reliable.

www.otgateway.com The Old Testament Gateway is modeled after the New Testament Gateway, but at the present time isn't quite as helpful. I definitely recommend it, and with more work it will become truly excellent and user friendly.

www.crossmarks.com/brian/ These are exegetical notes on the New Testament compiled by a Lutheran pastor named Brian Stoffregen. These notes follow the Revised Common Lectionary that we often do, although they mainly provide information on the Gospel texts to be read. While I often find myself making different conclusions than Pastor Stoffregen, I find his analysis absolutely thorough and extremely reliable.

Worship and Spiritual Formation:

www.calvin.edu/worship/ This is the website from the Institute of Worship and Calvin College from whom we have received two worship grants. This is an extremely useful website with resources regarding liturgy, worship art, and nearly anything connected with worship.

www.textweek.com This site could fall under Biblical studies as well, but there is so much helpful information regarding worship and liturgy, I've included it under Worship. Textweek follows the lectionary and also includes prayers and liturgical elements from a wide variety of traditions.

www.centeringprayer.com This is a site connected to Fr. Thomas Keating, an extremely popular leader of the burgeoning spiritual formation movement.

www.contemplativeprayer.net This site is maintained by Fr. Basic Pennington, a friend a colleague of Keating. This site is a bit more extensive than Keating's site, offering a wider range of articles and aids.

www.csec.org/ This is the site of Thirty Good Minutes, a radio show highlighting some of the best preaching in the nation. Many of my teachers and those who inspire me are highlighted here.

Practical Theology:

www.practicingourfaith.com/ A wonderful website put together by creative people trying to live out the Christian faith in relevant and dynamic ways.

www.faithnet.org.uk/ Steven Richards, an English professor of religion and philosophy, put this site together as a way of more widely sharing the information he teaches at University. Witty and intelligent- this is a great site.

www.spiritualityhealth.com/ A broadly ecumenical website engaging all aspects of spirituality and health. Great articles and book lists!

Interesting Blogs/Personal Websites:

www.anewkindofchristian.com This is Pastor/writer/story teller Brian McLaren's website. McLaren is an extremely interesting thinker and a leader in what many are calling the Emerging Church.

www.akma.disseminary.org/ When I was at Princeton, Dr. Adams (known popularly as AKMA) taught New Testament and was a beloved figure on campus. He since moved to Chicago where he continues to teach New Testament and publishes this absolutely riveting (and hysterical) weblog. This is well worthy your time.

www.sarahlaughed.net/lectionary/ Put together by an Anglican priest, Sarah Breuer, this is a blog focusing on the lectionary and was voted one of the best spiritual weblogs by Beliefnet.org.

www.sojo.net/index.cfm Many of you know the author Jim Wallis from his extremely interesting recent best seller *God's Politics*, Sojourners is the magazine Wallis has run for decades. Full of great reading- get to know Sojourners.

Presbyterian Sites:

www.pcusa.org The website of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this site has helpful information about nearly every aspect of our denomination.

www.outlook-pres.com The oldest independent Presbyterian newspaper, the Outlook offers insight on what's going on in the church today. (Note: I should tell you I serve on the board of the Outlook, and so my recommendation of this fabulous publication is FAR from unbiased. ☺)

You'll notice I've completely avoided websites involving children and youth for now. This would require a whole other newsletter article! So again, happy surfing- and send me sites that you are finding helpful. God be with you all!

In Christ, Ken

TPC Music Page

Christmas Handbell Concert gets RAVE reviews!



Approximately 200 people, over 50% of them visitors to TPC, attended the first Christmas concert by our very own handbell choir. The choir did an amazing job of covering a wide variety of music and truly helped to usher in the Christmas season for many in attendance. In addition, the choir raised nearly \$3000 towards the purchase of our own set of handbells. Almost \$1500 of that amount was given in honor or memory of a loved one. Remember that, until we raise the full amount needed (around \$20,000) you can continue to contribute to the fund and designate your gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living, maybe even a member of the bell choir who has touched your life with their gift of music.

TPC CHOIR NEWS



We are delighted to have Dr. Ron Fabbro joining the TPC choir as their accompanist. An accompanist will allow Kris to direct the choir. Direction allows much more certainty on technicalities like entrances and cutoffs. It also allows for much musical interpretation by use of dynamics and other methods. Since there won't be a piano soundboard between herself and the choir, Kris will be more able to hear during rehearsals and can be more selective than in the focus of her attentions. Kris and the choir are delighted for this opportunity to improve their musical skills. In addition, Ron will occasionally cover a Sunday morning service, allowing Kris an occasional Sunday off.

Renato Fabbro received both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in piano performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he studied with Larry Graham and Angela Cheng respectively. As a fellowship student at Rice University, he received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree under the tutelage of John Perry. Dr. Fabbro has performed at the Aspen Music Festival, Sarasota Music Festival, Boulder Bach Festival, Idyllwild Arts Academy, and was recently invited to give a master class at Marylhurst University in Oregon. Competition prizes include top honors at the Fort Collins Symphony National Young Artists Competition, Young Pianists Competition, MTNA Wurlitzer Collegiate Artist Competition, and the Lee Piano Competition. Concerto performances include those with the Fort Collins Symphony, Grand Junction Symphony, Centennial Philharmonic of Denver, Colorado University Orchestra, and the Grand Junction Youth Symphony. Dr. Fabbro has served on the faculty of Lee College, and has also taught at Rice University and the University of Texas at San Antonio Summer Music Institute.



If you would like to join the TPC Choir, contact any choir member, Kris Sparks, Music Director or Ron. The choir practices every Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:30pm and Sunday mornings at 9:15 before worship.

**Please remember
in prayer:**



Toni MacHaffie's aunt Cathy Livingston who has been undergoing radiation and chemo treatments for a brain tumor which was removed in November; Dorothy Martin's daughter-in-law, Cindy, who suffered multiple injuries in an auto accident; Laura, Emily Nelson's grandmother; The Hoff's Aunt Jane; Ota Binegar (Deborah Lewis' father; Andy Koning (Kris Sparks' nephew); Nadine Manke and her husband (Maxine Jenovich's brother) who is caring for her; Don Peterson, Elizabeth Shafer, TJ Grand; Maureen Goodrich; Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family); Craig Wiggers on assignment with the Marines in Baghdad.



Loving Stitches

Quilters and knitters are making quilts for children in need.

Picture this true scene:

A class of 5th graders, with a gift of new quilts around their shoulders – listening to a story about quilting. All are children who stay with their families in shelters.

We need:

- Someone to cut out material
- Someone to tie quilts (at home if you'd like)
- Someone to do hand sewing (at home if you'd like)
- Quilters and knitters (we have material and yarn)

Come join us –

Saturday, February 11 at 9:30AM

Questions – call Shirley Schultz (503-625-9810)



Are you tired of writing checks? You can avoid this problem if you use an automatic payment service available from most banks for your contribution to TPC. If you would like more information about automatic payments talk to Scott Mitchell or Herb Zachow.

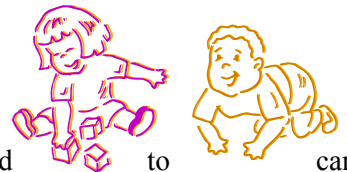
Also, don't forget to pay your per capita at \$21.04 per member.

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES FAMILY CAMP

Looking for a family activity for next summer? Consider Family Camp at Honeyman State Park on the Oregon Coast. Dates are Saturday, July 29 through Saturday, August 5, 2006. To returning family campers, these dates are correct; camp is being extended one day! Registration forms will be available in early 2006.

Lost Bible - Elizabeth Shafer misplaced her Bible at TPC approximately a month ago. She left it on her seat in the back of the Sanctuary. This very sentimental Bible was given to her by Thom Nelson, and she had it full of notes, verses, prayers, and sayings. Please contact Elizabeth or the Church Office if you have seen it.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED



Loving hands are needed to care for our children in the nursery. We are looking for a new childcare provider for Sunday mornings. If you know someone who would be interested in this position, please contact the church office.

In the meantime, we are staffing the nursery with volunteers through the end of February. Please offer to spend a Sunday morning with the 3-year-old and under crowd. We could use your help and you might make a new friend or two! Please contact the office or Sherry Nelson 503.692.3156 to sign up.



February Birthdays

2/03	Rhoda Friesen	2/18	Terri Mitchell
2/04	Mitchell Hutchinson	2/19	Mary Ortez
2/06	Hannah Nelson	2/20	Craig Bowen
2/07	Patrick Mauer	2/20	Arielle Mazzuca
2/07	Dale MacHaffie	2/22	Alexandria Fife
2/10	Allan Burggren	2/23	Brian Locke
2/11	Tom Hahn	2/24	Lynne Bolton
2/12	Marc Olson	2/24	Scott Mitchell
2/13	Kade Kadel	2/25	Cathy Chase
2/17	Skyler Stevenson	2/27	Abigail Nelson

MISSION COMMITTEE

The TPC Mission committee would like to thank everyone for their support of our Advent mission projects. Here is what you did!

- Donated \$699.00 to purchase Christmas food boxes for 7 families
- Donated over 100 gifts for the children in our sponsored families and for the 89th Ct Group Home
- Spent a day shopping for food, assembling food baskets and gifts and delivering gifts to out 7 sponsored families (thanks you Mary Shiffer, Denise Collins, the Lenneville-Hutchinson family, Kip Stevenson, Barbara Harriman and Mike Shiffer)
- Contributed Christmas Memorial gifts totaling \$1565.00 for Tualatin School House (Food Pantry and \$255.00 for disaster relief
- Contributed \$840.00 for the annual Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering (used for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their families; and for support of Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education)
- The Christmas Eve offerings total \$1,101.71. This money has been sent to the Washington County Chapter of Habitat For Humanity
- Filled our food bank barrels several times
- Decorated our traditional TPC Christmas trees with hats, gloves/mittens, socks and scarves for homeless youth in the Portland area (179 hats, 110 gloves/mittens, 51 pairs of socks, 16 scarves... and a partridge in a pear tree)
- Donated 28 units of blood in the annual Red Cross blood drive

The Mission Committee usually meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month. Our group is small but mighty. Please join us so we can do even more!

Mike Shiffer, Mission Elder

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Senior Ladies Tea Party – Come join us for a tea party on Saturday, February 11 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Narthex. Connie Myers will be exhibiting some of her collection of Edwardian age clothes (1905 – 1914) and accessories, including gloves, hats, shoes, swim suites, dresses, slips and lots more. Come join us for a fun afternoon!

ADULT EDUCATION

REVELATION, REVEALTION - Join the adult education class led by Pastor Ken as it explores the book of Revelation. Opportunities like this are rare, so don't miss out. You will have many revelations at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings.

Basic Bible Introduction continues under the direction of Scott Mitchell. This class also meets at 8:30 on Sunday mornings.

CE/Youth Director

On Friday, January 20, Crystal Shearer resigned as CE/Youth Director. She was hired in 2003 and during her time at TPC, she developed a bond with many members of the youth group. She will be missed, and we wish her well.

Youth Group at TPC ~

The Tualatin Presbyterian Church youth group is open to all high schoolers, grades 9-12. The group meets most Sundays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Dinner is provided. It is our desire that the youth of TPC become self-assured Christians who will not only go on to do well but will also do good. Any questions, contact Elder Susan Springer.

Mission Statement of Tualatin Presbyterian Church

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a family of faith called by God to worship, serve, and love. As part of the Universal Body of Christ, we seek to better our community and ourselves by living the teachings of Jesus Christ.

February Sunday School Rotation

Feb. 5th – 26th

LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES

(Mary and Martha)

Luke 10:38-42

This month students will explore the following concepts in Storytelling, Cooking, Weaving and Computers:

- ♥ Become familiar with the Bible story of Mary and Martha
- ♥ Discover what home life in Bible times would have been like and relate it to life today.
- ♥ Find that Jesus' teachings are sometimes surprising.
- ♥ Learn that each person has special talents and gifts to share.

Storytelling: Debbie Reid

Cooking: Jodi Breshears & Pam McGregor

Computers: Mike Shiffer

Weaving: Linda Fukasawa & Shirley Schultz

MARCH ROTATION LEADERS STILL NEEDED !!!!

People Who Made a Difference

(Judges 4:4-15; Jeremiah 1:4-8; Luke 7:1-10; John 4:5-41)

People of faith made a difference. Through the stories of people of faith we learn more about God. As people of faith we can respond to God and make a difference. Through stories of Deborah, Jeremiah, a centurion and an outcast, students will learn that *all* kinds of people can make a difference. YOU can make a difference too ! Teach a four week rotation today! We have curriculum for the following stations; ART, COMPUTERS, COOKING, GAMES, MUSIC, SCIENCE, STORY, and MOVIES.

TEACHER TRAINING IS FEBRUARY 26th 11:30-12:30 *Lunch Provided*

♥ 😊 Room Design Team 😊 ♥

Norm Dannemiller has started working with the design team to turn our downstairs into a beautiful Faith Village atmosphere. Watch for the transformation to begin this month!

